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The following review of the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Province of Assam during the year 1891 has been prepared on the same system as its predecessors, and the statements which accompany it have been compiled in the form adopted in previous years. The reports of local officers, on which it is based, were on the whole punctually submitted.

2. No change has been reported since 1887 in respect of the area or population of the Province, and the judicial divisions remained the same as in the past eight years. Area, population, and jurisdiction. *Annual Statement 1.*

I.—THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

3. As in previous years, two Sessions Judges and eight District Magistrates (Deputy Commissioners) were employed in the Province. Of the latter, only one (the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet) did not exercise special powers under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Act X of 1882.

4. The distribution and classes of Magistrates employed at the close of each of the last two years are shown below :— Magistrates.

	Stipendiary		Honorary	
	1890	1891.	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley Districts . . .	31	35	16	18
Sylhet and Cachar	21	21	4	5
TOTAL .	52	56	20	23

5. Of the 56 Stipendiary Magistrates thus shown, 36 exercised powers of the first class, 13 of the second class, and 7 of the third class during the year under review. The number of Magistrates of the first and third classes remained the same as in the year 1890, and there was an increase of four in the number of Magistrates of the second class. In Goalpara, Nowgong, and Lakhimpur there was no change in the number of Magistrates. There was an increase of two each in the districts of Sibsagar and Sylhet, and of one each in the districts of Kamrup and Darrang, while in Cachar there was a decrease of two officers. Stipendiary Magistrates.

6. Honorary Magistrates were employed to assist the regular staff in all the districts of the Province except Goalpara and Cachar. No Benches of Magistrates have as yet been constituted in Assam. Honorary Magistrates and Benches.

In Nowgong, out of five Honorary Magistrates, two did no criminal work during the year, while the remaining three Honorary Magistrates, one vested

with second class, and two with third class, powers, decided 339 cases, as against 734 cases tried by the other Magistrates of the district, or nearly one-third of the total number disposed of. In Sylhet Honorary Magistrates tried 483 cases concerning 672 persons, as against 435 cases and 623 persons in 1890. In Sibsagar, Kamrup, and Darrang Honorary Magistrates disposed of respectively 67, 49 and 39 cases, and in Lakhimpur they determined only 2 cases in the course of the year.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

Offences reported and cases rejected. *Tables A & B.*

7. Tables A and B appended to this report show the numbers of offences reported, of cases rejected or struck off as false, and of cases accepted as true. The general results for the years 1890 and 1891 are compared below :—

	Offences reported.	Rejected and struck off as false.	Accepted as true.
1890	27,940	7,870	20,070
1891	28,931	7,893	21,038

As compared with 1890, these figures show an increase of 991 in the number of offences reported, of 23 in the number of cases rejected and struck off as false, and of 968 in the number accepted as true.

The increase in the number of offences reported occurred in Sibsagar (418), Kamrup (344), Goalpara (266), Darrang (227), Lakhimpur (112), and Sylhet (43); while there was a decrease in the remaining districts of Nowgong (301) and Cachar (116). The increase in Sibsagar is confined to the Sudder and Jorhat Sub-divisions. The increase in the Sudder Sub-division is under special laws and in Jorhat under offences against the human body and property. The Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup is unable to give any general explanation of the fluctuations in that district. The increase in Goalpara is reported to be chiefly attributable to the disputes between certain zemindars, and also to the institution of a number of cases under the Census Act. The increase in Darrang falls chiefly under classes VII and VIII of offences under the Penal Code, and occurs also in respect of cases under the Cattle Trespass Act and Act V of 1861. The decrease in Nowgong is attributed (1) to the prevalence of cholera and *Kala azar*, (2) to the panic caused by the impressment of coolies for the Manipur expedition, owing to which for some months many of the inhabitants avoided the station, (3) to the failure of crops for want of timely rain, and (4) to a larger number of prosecutions under Section 211 of the Indian Penal Code. The decrease in Cachar is attributed to the disturbing influences connected with the Manipur expedition.

Of the number of cases reported, the percentage rejected or struck off as false was 27·2 in the past as compared with 28·1 in the previous year. The following are the figures under each of the heads mentioned :—

	Complaints rejected.	Cases struck off as false.
1890	6,873	997
1891	6,738	1,155

The proportion of cases rejected and struck off as false was, as in the previous year, highest in Lakhimpur (32·8) and lowest in Goalpara (16·8).

8. The number of cases accepted as true was 21,038, or 72·72 per cent. of the offences reported in 1891, as compared with 20,070, or 71·83 per cent. of the number reported in 1890. Cases accepted as true.

9. The following comparative statement shows in detail the number of cases returned as true and the number of persons convicted during each of the past three years:— Details of cases returned as true and of persons convicted.

	Cases returned as true.			Persons convicted.		
	1889.	1890.	1891	1889.	1890	1891.
Offences under the Penal Code .	15,230	15,099	15,349	7,116	6,906	7,591
Offences against special and local laws	4,997	4,971	5,689	4,191	3,766	4,537
TOTAL .	20,227	20,070	21,038	11,307	10,672	12,128

The increase in the number of cases returned as true under the Penal Code was chiefly in respect of offences against property (144). It was greatest in Sibsagar (142) and Lakhimpur (79). Offences affecting the human body, however, show a decrease, which occurred chiefly in Sylhet (273).

The proportion of persons convicted in cases sent up as true was greater in the past than in the preceding year.

10. The annexed Tables C and D furnish details for each district and exhibit the number of true cases and of persons convicted under each head of crime during each of the last two years. Details for each District. *Tables C and D.*

11. No offence under Chapter VI or Chapter VII of the Indian Penal Code was reported during the year under review. Offences under Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.

12. The number of offences against the public tranquillity was 749 in the past, as compared with 625 in the previous year. The only noticeable increase occurred in the district of Sylhet (85). Offences under Chapter VIII.

13 The number of offences relating to public servants was 426 in the past, as compared with 384 in the preceding year. The increase in offences of this class was common to all the districts except Lakhimpur and Cachar, which show a falling off. Offences under Chapters IX and X.

14. Offences against public justice and false evidence rose from 350 in 1890 to 401 in the past year. Offences of this class have been steadily increasing since 1887. The increase occurred in all the districts save Lakhimpur and Cachar. Offences under Chapter XI.

15. The number of offences reported relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures increased from 46 in 1890 to 59 in the past year. Offences under Chapters XII and XIII.

16. The total number of reported offences affecting public health and decency was 212 in the past, as compared with 175 in the preceding year. The increase occurred chiefly in Sylhet (23). Offences under Chapters XIV and XV.

17. The total number of reported offences against the human body was 8,853 in the past, against 9,060 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred chiefly in Sylhet (277) and Nowgong (190); while Kamrup and Sibsagar show a marked increase of 162 and 109, respectively. Offences under Chapter XVI.

18. The total number of reported offences against property increased from 10,510 in 1890 to 10,620 in the past year. The increase occurred in all the districts except Nowgong, where there was a decrease of 143. Offences under Chapter XVII.

19. The number of miscellaneous offences reported under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code was 1,318 in the past, as compared with 1,242 in the preceding year. The increase was contributed to by all the districts Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII.

except Nowgong, which shows a decrease of 10. The number of true cases was 591 as against 560 in 1890. The proportion of convictions to trials for offences under these chapters of the Code was 36·05 in the past, as compared with 30·14 in the previous year. Darrang shows the highest proportion (55·81 per cent.) and Goalpara the lowest (20·8 per cent.).

Offences under special laws.

20. The total number of reported offences against local and special laws rose from 5,547 in 1890 to 6,293 in the past year. The increase was most marked in Sibsagar, but was contributed to by all the districts save Nowgong and Cachar, which show a slight decrease of 7 and 16, respectively.

Chief heads of Crime.

21. The statement below shows the number of cases accepted as true, and the number of persons convicted under some of the chief heads of crime during each of the past two years:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
3, 4, 5. Offences affecting public tranquillity	516	615	1,019	1,278
9. False evidence	67	76	33	34
15. Offences affecting public safety	63	74	45	42
19. Murder	30	26	8	4
21. Culpable homicide	31	27	14	10
30. Serious hurt	93	100	102	104
31, 34. Simple hurt and assault	5,421	5,214	1,981	2,275
26, 27. Causing miscarriage	1	2	...	...
40. Rape	18	19	4	4
42, 43. Theft	3,273	3,106	1,258	1,206
49, 50, 52. Dacoity	8	6	4	...
44, 47. Robbery and extortion	15	16	2	4
60, 61. House trespass and burglary	1,070	1,132	209	176
58. Mischief (serious)	283	304	53	85
70. Offences relating to marriage	245	260	36	27

Cases of murder.

22. Of the four persons shown as having been convicted of murder during the past year, two were sentenced to transportation for life by the Court of Session, and one was sentenced to death, the latter sentence being, however, commuted by the High Court to transportation for life. The remaining person, whose case was referred to the High Court under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, was also sentenced to transportation for life.

In the following districts the most numerous murders were reported during 1891 and the year immediately preceding it:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Darrang	3	6	...	2
Sibsagar	6	3	4	...
Sylhet	12	10	...	...

No case of murder was reported from Goalpara during the year under review.

23. Cases of culpable homicide were reported from all the districts in the Province except Nowgong, the largest number occurring, as in previous years, in Sylhet. Of 90 persons, 10 were convicted, 67 were acquitted, and 13 remained under trial at the close of the year. Culpable homicide.

24. Cases of dacoity were reported from Goalpara, Kamrup, Sibsagar, Sylhet, and Cachar. Of the 19 persons charged with this offence, 16 were acquitted and 3 remained under trial at the close of the year. Dacoity.

25. No case of house-trespass resulting in death or grievous hurt was reported during the year. Of the total number of persons brought to trial for house-trespass, 176 were convicted as already shown, 124 were acquitted, and 15 remained under trial at the close of the year. The proportion of conviction in cases of this class brought to trial during the past year is compared with the corresponding results of 1890 in the annexed statement:— House-trespass.

	Percentage			
	Of cases brought to trial.		Of persons convicted.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Goalpara	23·9	21·6	93·7	42·1
Kamrup	29·2	28·	43·7	68·4
Nowgong	34·2	36·9	72·7	60·5
Darrang	31·1	20·9	57 7	76·4
Sibsagar	35·5	34·09	53·5	48·
Lakhimpur	21·6	36·06	73 1	65 06
Sylhet	12·7	9·01	55·7	37·6
Cachar	14·4	5·3	32·	28·5

26. The statistics of offences relating to marriage show that of 701 offences reported during the year, 441, or 62·9 per cent., were either rejected or struck off as false. In the preceding year the percentage was 53·5. Offences relating to marriage.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges to the number of persons tried is given below:—

	Percentage acquitted or discharged	
	1890.	1891.
Goalpara	61·9	64·2
Kamrup	64·7	75·
Nowgong	100·	80·
Darrang	100·	44·4
Sibsagar	72·7	73·07
Lakhimpur	69·2	86 6
Sylhet	84·1	80·
Cachar	66·6	100·

27. The following are the principal special laws, breaches of the provisions of which are reported to have occurred during the last two years:— Special laws.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Arms Act	268	295	246	270
Artificers' and Workmen's Act	375	400	204	140
Emigration Act	1,049	1,101	861	954
Cattle Trespass Act	836	925	318	527
Excise Act	234	249	189	228
Municipal Acts	498	933	432	861
Police (District) Act	690	718	693	676

The increase in the number of cases under the Arms Act occurred chiefly in Sylhet (36) and Sibsagar (16). The largest increase in the number of infringements of the Artificers' and Workmen's Act occurred in Cachar (52). The increase in the number of cases under the Emigration Act occurred principally in Sibsagar (53), and that in the number of offences under the Cattle Trespass Act appears in every district except Kamrup and Cachar, which show a slight decrease. All the districts show an increase in the number of prosecutions under the Excise Act except Lakhimpur and Sylhet. Prosecutions under the Municipal Act increased in every district except Cachar, where the number (2) was the same as in 1890, and Nowgong and Darrang, in which districts, as in the previous year, no cases were reported. Four districts show an increase in cases under the Police Act, *viz.*, Kamrup (66), Darrang (43), Sibsagar (22), and Goalpara (11); in Nowgong, Cachar, Sylhet, and Lakhimpur there was a decrease of 57, 30, 24, and 3, respectively.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure.

28. In Table F will be found statistics regarding the miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure taken during 1891.

Chapter VI. *Section 485.*

29. No proceedings under Section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against witnesses during either the past or the previous year.

Chapter VIII.

30. The number of cases decided, and that of persons required to give security under Chapter VIII of the Code during the past two years, were as follow :—

	Cases decided.		Persons convicted	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Chapter VIII (Security for keeping the peace) .	141	129	290	230
Chapter VIII (Security for good behaviour) . .	111	119	73	40

As in previous years, these cases were most numerous in Sylhet. The decrease in the number of cases in which proceedings were instituted to take security to keep the peace occurred in the districts of Kamrup, Darrang, Sylhet, and Cachar; the remaining four districts show a slight increase. Of 424 persons in the whole Province proceeded against, 230 were required to furnish security, and of this number 106 were bound down after conviction of offences actually committed. Proceedings in regard to security for good behaviour were instituted in 107 cases in the district of Sylhet, and in the other districts the figures varied from 1 to 9 except in Nowgong, where, as in the previous year, there were no such cases. Of the 40 persons who were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 23 were unable to furnish such security and were ordered by Magistrates to be imprisoned in default for terms not exceeding one year.

Chapter X.

31. Proceedings for the suppression of local nuisances were taken in 40 cases in the past, as compared with 18 in the previous year, and occurred in the districts of Sylhet (29), Sibsagar (5), Cachar (3), Lakhimpur (2), and Kamrup (1). The total number of persons concerned was 89, and the orders initiating the proceedings were made absolute as against 76 of the defendants.

The number of cases referred under Section 138 of the Code was 17 in the past, as compared with 11 in the preceding year. In all of these cases, which occurred in Sylhet, the jury either confirmed the orders of the Magistrate, or modified them so slightly that the alteration was accepted by the Court.

Chapter XII.

32. The number of cases instituted under Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding the possession of tangible immovable property was

5 in the past, as compared with 17 in the previous year. These cases occurred in the districts of Goalpara (2), Sylhet (2), and Lakhimpur (1).

33. The number of complainants ordered to pay compensation to accused persons, against whom it was found that frivolous or vexatious complaints had been lodged, was 130 in the past, as compared with 70 in the preceding year. The amount of compensation awarded in connection with these cases amounted to R1,566-8 in the past, as compared with R489* in the previous year. Chapter XX. *Section 250.*

34. Nine cases of Jurors or Assessors dealt with under the provisions of Section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were reported in 1891, as against three in the previous year. These cases occurred in Kamrup (4), Lakhimpur (4), and Nowgong (1). Penalties were inflicted on two persons, one in Kamrup and the other in Lakhimpur. Chapter XXIII. *Section 332.*

35. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against 132 persons in the past, as compared with 126 in the previous year. Of these 48 were ordered to provide maintenance and 83 were discharged, the case of the remaining person being undecided at the close of the year. Cases of this class were most common in Sibsagar (37) and Lakhimpur (27). Chapter XXXVI.

36. Proceedings for the forfeiture of bail or recognizances under Chapter XLII of the Code were taken against 253 persons in the past, as compared with 176 in the previous year, and forfeiture was ordered in the case of 159 persons. Chapter XLII.

37. The general results of criminal trials during the period reviewed are given in the following table :— Result of trials in all Courts. *Tables A1 and B1.*

	1890.	1891.
Acquitted or discharged	7,123	8,202
Convicted	10,672	12,128
Percentage convicted	59·97	59·6

The percentage of persons convicted to persons tried was slightly less than in 1890. As in the previous year, the proportion of acquittals was highest in Goalpara, being 47·4 per cent.

38. Statement 8, which furnishes details as to the general results of the trials of European British subjects, shows that during the year under review 31 cases involving 34 persons came before the Criminal Courts of the Province, the largest numbers being reported from Sibsagar (15) and Lakhimpur (9). No cases were reported from Goalpara and Nowgong. Fifteen persons were charged with assault, 10 in Sibsagar, 2 each in Sylhet and Cachar, and 1 in Lakhimpur. Seven persons were charged with hurt, 2 each in Lakhimpur and Sibsagar, and 1 each in Darrang, Sylhet, and Cachar. Five persons were charged with offences under special laws, 4 in Lakhimpur and 1 in Sylhet. Of the 4 cases from Lakhimpur 2 were under Section 185 of Act I of 1882, 1 was under the Excise Act, VII of 1878, and the other under Act IX of 1874. The case from Sylhet was under the Emigration Act. One person in Sibsagar claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, and 2 persons in the same district applied successfully to the High Court for the transfer of their cases. Trial of European British subjects. *Statement 8.*

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

39. No case against a European British subject was committed by a Criminal Court in Assam for trial by the High Court in its Original Jurisdiction during the year under review.

* Revised figures.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of original cases. *Table E.*

40. Statistics of cases, inclusive of references under Sections 34 and 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, brought to trial, decided and pending in Courts of Session in Assam during the years 1890 and 1891, are given below :—

	Brought to trial	Decided.	Pending.
1890	89	85	11
1891	95	90	15

The increase in the number of Sessions trials occurred in the districts of Sylhet (9), Darrang (6), Nowgong (3), and Cachar (2). In Lakhimpur the number remained the same as in the preceding year, while the remaining districts of Sibsagar, Kamrup, and Goalpara show a decrease of 9, 4 and 1, respectively.

The following statement shows the number of days devoted by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts during each of the past five years to business in the Sessions Court :—

1887	63
1888	95
1889	46
1890	69
1891	63

References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code. *See Statement 4.*

41. The number of references to the Court of Session for confirmation of sentences passed by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 17 in the past, as compared with 13 in the previous year. Fifteen of these references were disposed of during the year and 2 remained pending at its close. No such references were made during the past year by the Deputy Commissioners of Nowgong, Sylhet and Cachar.

Average duration.

42. The average duration of cases tried on commitment and of references heard under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in each of the last two years is given below :—

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Cases of persons committed .	39·2	52·3	45·4	40·8	73·3	74·2
Cases referred under Section 34, Code of Criminal Procedure .	10·7	16·8	...	...	50·	...

Number of persons committed.

43. Inclusive of persons whose cases remained undecided at the close of 1890, the total number of persons under trial in the several Courts of Session in the Province was 234. Of these 1 died, 200 were tried, and 33 remained under trial at the close of the year.

Result of trials as affecting persons. *Table G.*

44. The result of trials in each of the past two years is shown in the subjoined statement :—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Referred.
1890	83	78	5
1891	104	95	1

45. Sentences of death passed subject to confirmation by the High Court being taken into account, the proportion of persons convicted was 48 per cent. in the past, as compared with 49·07 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was lowest in Cachar. Convictions.

46. Annual Statement 7 shows that 27 cases were tried by Jury, 26 in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts, and one, in which a European British subject was the accused, in the Court of the Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar. In 17 of the cases tried by Sessions Courts, the Judge approved of the verdict of the Jury, in 2 he wholly disapproved, and in the remaining 7 cases he partially disapproved of the verdict. The Judge did not consider it necessary to submit to the High Court, under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, any of the cases in which he disagreed with the verdict of the Jury. In the case tried in Sibsagar, the Deputy Commissioner did not approve of the verdict of the Jury, and referred the case to the High Court under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Jury trials. *Statement 7.*

47. The number of cases tried with the assistance of Assessors in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar was 47 in the past, as compared with 35 in the previous year. In 37 cases the Sessions Judge concurred with the Assessors, in 6 he differed from the opinion of one, and in 4 he rejected the finding of both. Trial by Assessors.

48. The number of witnesses examined in Courts of Sessions was 641 in all the past as against 478 in the preceding year. The increase was common to all the districts, except Sibsagar and Lakhimpur. Witnesses examined. *Table J.*

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 411 in the past, as against 419 in the preceding year.

49. The amount of diet-money paid to witnesses attending Sessions was R1,246 in the past, as compared with R1,050 in the previous year. Of this sum R266 were expended in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts and the balance in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar. Witnesses' expenses.

50. The total number of witnesses in attendance before the Courts of Sessions (inclusive of those discharged* without examination) was 1,052 in the past, as compared with 897 in the previous year. All the 45 persons discharged after the third day were detained in the Court presided over by the Sessions Judge of Sylhet, who explains that the detentions were unavoidable. Detention of witnesses. *Table K.*

	* Number of witnesses discharged			
	On the first day	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.
1890 . .	648	62	23	64
1891 . .	639	317	51	45

V.—COURTS OF MAGISTRATES.

51. The number of cases brought to trial, decided and pending in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the past two years is shown below :— Number of cases. *Table E.*

	Brought to trial.	Decided.	Pending
1890	11,853	11,802	318
1891	13,103	13,042	355

The increase in the cases brought to trial occurred in all the districts, except Nowgong and Cachar, and was greatest in Kamrup (417), Sylhet (343), and Sibsagar (309). Cachar and Nowgong show a decrease of 201 and 125, respectively.

The number of cases disposed of during the year, although greater than in 1890, was less than the number brought to trial, the result being that the number of pending cases increased.

Summary trials.
Statement 4.

52. The total number of cases tried summarily by Magistrates is shown in the following statement:—

	1890.	1891.
Tried under ordinary procedure	7,568	8,418
Tried summarily	4,234	4,624
TOTAL .	11,802	13,042

Of the number of cases tried during the year, 35·4 per cent., as compared with 35·8 per cent. in 1890, were dealt with summarily. There was an increase in the number of summary trials in the districts of Sibsagar (265), Kamrup (247), Lakhimpur (98), Goalpara (68), and Darrang (55); and a decrease in the remaining districts of Sylhet (189), Nowgong (133), and Cachar (21). Of the 4,624 cases tried summarily 504 were tried by the Deputy Commissioners of the six districts in the Assam Valley, 19 by the Deputy Commissioners of Sylhet and Cachar, and the remaining 4,101 by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners exercising powers of the first class.

Disposal of cases.

53. The following statement shows the number of cases decided by the several grades of Magistrates in the past, as compared with the previous year:—

		1890.	1891.
Subordinate Magistrates .	Stipendiary	10,106	11,109
	Honorary	937	983
District and Divisional Magistrates . . .	Cases referred under Sections 347, 349, Criminal Procedure Code	15	43
Chief Magistrates of Districts	Under ordinary powers . .	699	854
	Under special powers . .	45	53

References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

54. The 53 cases disposed of under the powers conferred by Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were distributed throughout all the districts of the Assam Valley and Cachar. The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet has not been invested with such powers, there being a resident Sessions Judge in that district. The largest number tried in the Assam Valley Districts was, as in the previous year, in Darrang (18) and the smallest in Sibsagar (4). In Cachar 3 cases were so tried, the same number as in the previous year. Seventeen cases were referred to Courts of Session for confirmation of the sentences passed.

References under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

55. The number of references under Sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure made by Subordinate to District Magistrates with a view to the passing of severer sentences was 42 in the past, as against 16 in the previous year.

Cases under Section 123, Criminal Procedure Code.

56. No cases were referred to the Courts of Session under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure during the past seven years.

Average duration of cases.

57. The average duration of cases decided by Magistrates of each class in each of the past two years is shown below:—

	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS EACH CASE LASTED.					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Honorary Magistrates . .	4·9	11·17	9·1	12·6	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates . .	9·3	9·7	13·1	13·4	11·6	12·1
District Magistrates . .	5·8	8·3	10·7	7·3	8·9	12·7

58. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Magistrates was 21,084* in the past, as compared with 18,343 in the previous year.

* These figures include remanets from the previous year, and also double entries in the cases of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment and of persons transferred from one district to another.

Details are given below of the manner in which the persons brought to trial during the past two years appeared before the Courts :—

	1890.	1891.
Under arrest	7,931	9,080
Upon warrant	1,774	2,251
On summons	7,349	8,369
Voluntarily	790	806
TOTAL	17,844	20,506

59. Exclusive of the number of persons who were committed to Sessions, or whose cases were referred to a higher tribunal, the total number of those whose cases were decided by Magistrates during 1891was 20,136, as compared with 17,633 in 1890 and 18,195 in 1889.

Results of trials as affecting persons. *Table II.*

The results of trials in each of the years 1890 and 1891 are given below :—

	Acquitted or discharged	Convicted.	Committed or referred.
1890	7,041	10,592	184
1891	8,105	12,031	288

Of the total number of persons acquitted or discharged and convicted, 59·7 per cent. were convicted, as against 60·07 in 1890. The districts in which the ratio of convictions was highest are Darrang (66·5 per cent.), Lakhimpur (65·82 per cent.), Sibsagar (63·88 per cent.), and Sylhet (61·9 per cent.). As in the preceding year, it was lowest in Goalpara, being 51·6 per cent. A falling off in the percentage of convictions occurred in the following districts, *viz.*, Kamrup (to the extent of 5·05 per cent.), Sylhet (to the extent of 2·30 per cent.), and Nowgong (to the extent of 1·4 per cent.).

60. The mode of trial and the sentences passed in the cases, which ended in convictions, are shown in the following table :—

Mode of trial and sentences passed. *Statement 4.*

	On regular trial.	On summary trial
Appealable sentences passed	4,540	60
Non-appealable sentences passed	2,552	4,879
TOTAL	7,092	4,939

On a comparison of these figures with those given in the report for 1890, it will be observed that there was an increase from 57·9 to 64·01 in the percentage of persons who were convicted on regular trial and had the right of appeal, and an increase from 1·01 in 1890 to 1·2 in the percentage of persons convicted on summary trial who had the right of appeal.

61. The following were the classes of Courts before which the trials resulting in the summary conviction of 4,939 persons were held :—

	Appealable sentences passed.	Non-appealable sentences passed.
Stipendiary Magistrates	58	4,318
District Magistrates	2	561
	60	4,879
	4,939	

The following comparative statement gives the results of trials during the past two years before the Magistrates of each class :—

	Acquitted or discharged		Convicted.		Percentage convicted	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891
Honorary Magistrates . .	663	724	895	942	57·4	56·5
Stipendiary Magistrates . .	6,019	6,892	9,001	10,137	59·9	59·5
District Magistrates . .	359	489	696	952	65·9	66·06

Pending files.
Table I.

62. Exclusive of lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial in Magistrates' Courts at the close of 1891 was 562. The details furnished on the margin show the nature of the orders under which they remained under trial, and the following statement compares the duration of the pending trials in each of the past two years :—

In custody	80
On bail	456
On recognizance	20
Otherwise	6
	562

	1890.	1891.
More than 3 months	1	30
„ 2 „	5	11
„ 1 month	41	65
Not exceeding 1 month	407	456

Detailed explanations of the delays of over three months have regularly been called for and submitted to the High Court.

Witnesses examined.
Table J.

63. The total number of witnesses examined was 46,956 in the past, as compared with 44,156 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in all the districts except Sylhet and Cachar, which show a decrease. It was greatest in Kamrup (1,743).

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 15,770 in the past, as compared with 12,607 in the preceding year.

Expenses of witnesses.

64. The amount of diet-money, etc., paid to witnesses during the past year was R1,042, or R123 in excess of the sum so paid in 1890. The increase occurred in the districts of Goalpara (91), Kamrup (7), Nowgong (33), and Sylhet (174), the remaining four districts showing a decrease.

Detention of witnesses.

65. The figures reproduced on the margin show the detention of witnesses in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the past two years. The largest number of detentions for over three days again occurred in Sylhet (86). In Goalpara 60 witnesses were detained beyond the third day, in Sibsagar 55, in Nowgong 20, in Kamrup 10 and in Lakhimpur 9. No such detentions occurred in the Courts of Magistrates in the districts of Darrang and Cachar.

	On the first day.	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.
1890 . .	46,924	8,364	1,384	91
1891 . .	48,882	11,398	2,206	240

VI.—PUNISHMENTS.

Death.
Statement 5.

66. The case of only one person was referred to the High Court during the past year under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for confirmation of sentence of death, with the result that the capital sentence was commuted to transportation for life.

Transportation.

67. The number of persons sentenced to transportation by the Courts of Session was 15, of whom 2 were transported for life and 13 for a term of years.

68. The nature of the other sentences passed by the Courts of Session during the past year is indicated below :— Other sentences.

Imprisonment	Rigorous	76
	Simple	3
Fine		2

The punishment of rigorous imprisonment was combined with solitary confinement in the case of 3 persons, and all the sentences of fine passed were in addition to imprisonment.

The periods for which imprisonment was awarded are given on the margin. These figures include the sentences of rigorous imprisonment passed by Sessions Judges upon 9 persons, whose cases were referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Five other persons, whose cases were similarly referred, were sentenced to transportation.

Not exceeding 15 days	..
" " 6 months	11
" " 2 years	40
" " 7 years	25
Above 7 years	4

69. The following table furnishes details regarding the fines imposed by Courts of Sessions during the past two years :— Fines (Sessions Courts). *Table L.*

	Imposed.	Realized.	Paid by way of compensation.
	R	R	R
1890	100	372	95
1891	1,013	179	9

70. The number of persons sentenced by Magistrates to imprisonment, fine, or whipping was as follows :— Punishments awarded by Magistrates. *Statement 5.*

	1890.	1891.
Imprisonment	3,324	3,521
Fine	7,087	8,420
Whipping	294	363

71. Besides the persons shown in the above statement, 151 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts, 230 persons, of whom 106 had been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace, were required to give security or to enter into recognizances for keeping the peace, and 39 were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 23 of that number being, in default, sentenced to undergo imprisonment.

72. Of the 3,521 persons sentenced to imprisonment, 128 were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment combined with solitary confinement, 3,276 to rigorous imprisonment alone, and 106 to simple imprisonment. Imprisonment (Magistrates' Courts).

73. The amount of fines imposed by Magistrates in the exercise of their original jurisdiction was R83,139 in the past, as compared with R70,444 in the previous year, and the amount, inclusive of arrears, realized was R78,272, or 94·1 per cent., of the actual amount imposed during the year against R62,671, or 88·9 per cent., in 1890. The increase in the amount of fines imposed occurred in all the districts except Lakhimpur, which shows a decrease. The proportion of fines realized to fines imposed was highest in Cachar (105·04 per cent.), and lowest in Nowgong (84·4 per cent.) In the other districts it varied from 85·9 to 99·8 per cent. Fines (Magistrates' Courts). *Table L.*

74. The amount awarded as compensation was R12,096 in the past, as compared with R9,382 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in five dis- Compensation.

tricts, the other three districts, Nowgong, Lakhimpur, and Cachar, showing a decrease.

Particulars regarding sentences of whipping.

Table LI.

75. In the following statement the number of sentences of whipping awarded in each of the past two years is compared with that of the other punishments inflicted :—

	1890			1891.		
	Total number of whipping awarded.	Total number of other punishments	Percentage of whippings.	Total number of whipping awarded.	Total number of other punishments	Percentage of whippings
Assam Valley Districts. Goalpara	23	308	6·9	13	520	2 5
Kamrup	7	796	·80	20	1,1[illegible]7	1·7
Nowgong	40	1,067	3·6	38	968	3·9
Darrang	22	789	2 7	71	1,043	6·7
Sibsagar	77	1,675	4·3	88	1,921	4·5
Lukhimpur	34	1,051	3·1	26	1,280	2 03
Sylhet	61	3,397	1·7	84	3,663	2·2
Cachar	30	1,295	2·2	24	1,212	1·9
TOTAL	294	10,378	2·7	364	11,764	3·09

YEAR.	Number of whippings inflicted.	Number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable to whipping
1889	268	1,829
1890	294	1,770
1891	364	1,758

The figures given on the margin show the number of persons sentenced to whipping and the number of convicts who rendered themselves liable to this form of punishment during each of the years 1889, 1890 and 1891.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VII.—THE HIGH COURT.

Number of appeals.

Table P.

76. The number of appeals instituted, decided and pending in the High Court during the past two years was as follows :—

	Instituted.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1890.	1891.	1890	1891	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley Districts	19	4	18	7	3	...
Sylhet	18	13	18	16	4	1
Cachar	2	3	2	3	...	..
TOTAL	39	20	38	26	7	1

The number of appeals instituted during the past year was less than in any of the previous nine years. Only four appeals were preferred from the Assam Valley Districts, two from Sibsagar and one each from Goalpara and Kamrup.

Persons who appealed.

Table R.

77. All the appeals filed in 1891 were by persons convicted by Sessions Judges. No appeal has for the past four years been preferred by the Local Government against a judgment of acquittal passed by any of the Sessions Courts in the Province.

The statement below shows the number of appealable orders passed in each of the past two years :—

	1890.	1891.
Persons convicted (in whose cases the sentence passed was appealable). By Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of special powers under Section 34	31	22
By Courts of Session	42	56

It is noticeable that, although there was an increase in the number of appealable sentences passed, there was a decrease in the number of appeals preferred.

78. The following statement shows the result of appeals decided during each of the past two years :— Results of appeals as affecting cases.

	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.		Total.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Conviction affirmed	11	3	6	13	2	3	19	19
„ reversed	...	2	4	1	...	...	4	3
„ varied	5	2	8	2	...	...	13	4
Re-trial ordered	2	...	...	...	...	..	2	...
Otherwise decided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

There were no appeals against the sentences of the Sessions Courts at Nowgong, Darrang and Lakhimpur. The four appeals preferred in 1891 against the sentences of the Sessions Courts in the Assam Valley Districts, where cases are tried by jury, came from Sibsagar, Goalpara and Kamrup. In addition to these, one each was pending from the previous year in Nowgong, Lakhimpur and Sibsagar. The orders in 3 cases were affirmed, 2 from Sibsagar and one from Nowgong; in 2 they were modified, one each from Kamrup and Lakhimpur; and in 2 cases the orders were reversed, one each from Goalpara and Sibsagar. No appeals were presented to the High Court from sentences passed by Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of the powers conferred under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Thirteen appeals were preferred during the year against the sentences of the Sessions Judge of Sylhet, and four were pending from the previous year. The orders of the Lower Courts were affirmed in 13 cases, modified in 2, and reversed in 1; and one appeal remained undisposed of at the end of the year. Three appeals were filed from Cachar, and all three were dismissed.

79. The results of appeals during the past two years as affecting the persons convicted are given below :— Results of appeals as affecting persons. *Table Q.*

	Persons involved.	
	1890.	1891.
Appeals rejected	21	13
Sentences confirmed	7	16
„ enhanced	1	...
„ reduced or altered	16	4
„ reversed or quashed	7	7
New trial ordered	2	...

80. The results of admitted appeals were as follows :— Results of admitted appeals.

	Percentage.			
	Jury Districts (*i.e.*, Assam Valley Districts).		Assessor Districts (*i.e.*, Sylhet and Cachar).	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Order of Lower Courts affirmed	30·	22·2	17·3	77·7
Sentence reduced	50	22·2	...	11·1
„ reversed	...	55·5	30·4	11·1
New trial ordered	20·	...	52·1	...

VIII.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals filed, decided, and pending. *Table M.*

81. The following comparative table shows the number of appeals preferred to, decided by, and pending before Courts of Sessions and District Magistrates' Courts during the past two years:—

	Filed.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Court of Session . . .	539	473	543	458	9	23
Courts of Magistrates . .	346	387	342	379	12	20
TOTAL .	885	860	885	837	21	43

The decrease in the number of appeals to Courts of Session occurred in the districts of Cachar (43), Sylhet (27), Nowgong (16), and Lakhimpur (1). In Kamrup there was an increase of 13, in Darrang an increase of 6, and in Goalpara and Sibsagar an increase of 1 in each instance.

The increase in the number of appeals filed in District Magistrates' Courts was common to all the districts except Nowgong and Cachar, which show a decrease, and Darrang, where the number was the same as in the year 1890.

Ratio of appeals to persons having the right of appeal. See *Table O.*

82. The number of persons who appealed in 1891 was 1,504, or 32·6 per cent. of the total number of those on whom appealable sentences were passed. The corresponding percentage for 1890 was 41·2. The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in the cases of 895 persons, or 63·3 per cent. of the number whose appeals were heard. The percentage in 1890 was 58·1.

The results were most favourable to the Lower Courts in Nowgong, where 88·2 per cent. of the sentences were confirmed, and, as in the previous year, least so in Goalpara, where the percentage was 46·1.

The following statement shows in greater detail the results of the appeals decided during the past year:—

		Appeals rejected or sentence confirmed.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further inquiry ordered.
VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Magistrates' Courts . . .	97	67	42	...
	Court of Session . . .	225	37	40	...
SYLHET AND CACHAR.	Magistrates' Courts . . .	305	57	81	...
	Court of Session	268	97	96	...
TOTAL .	Magistrates' Courts . . .	402	124	123	...
	Courts of Session . . .	493	134	136	...
	GRAND TOTAL .	895	258	259	...

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE AND REVISION.

IX.—THE HIGH COURT.

83. The number of criminal cases from the Province of Assam dealt with by the High Court as a Court of Reference during the past year is shown below :— Number of cases. *Table R.*

	Pending 1890.	Filed 1891.	Disposed of 1890	Pending 1891.
References under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code	1	1	2	...
" " " 341, " " "	...	...	...	...
" " " 374, " " "	...	1	1	...
TOTAL .	1	2	3	.

84. One reference under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was made during the year by the Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar in the case of a European British subject tried by him under Section 451 A, clause 1 of the Code (Act III of 1884, Section 8), and another reference, made by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts from Darrang, was pending from the previous year. In the former case the High Court accepted the verdict of the jury and acquitted the accused of the charges brought against him. In the latter case, that from Darrang, the High Court disagreed with the verdict of the jury, who found the accused guilty of culpable homicide of the second degree, and convicted the accused of murder, sentencing him to transportation for life. References under Sections 307 and 341, Criminal Procedure Code.

85. The one case referred during the past year under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for confirmation of sentence of death was received from Kamrup. The High Court commuted the sentence to transportation for life. References under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

86. Sixty-one cases were dealt with by the High Court in the exercise of its powers of revision, and of these 28 were referred under Section 438 of the Code by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges, and five under Section 526, the remaining 28 being taken up by the Court of its own motion under Section 435. In 1890 33 cases were dealt with under Section 438, and 39 under Section 435. Five cases were pending on the files at the close of 1891. References under Sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

The 28 cases dealt with by the High Court without reference under Section 435 during 1891 concerned orders passed by the following officers :—

Judge of the Assam Valley Districts at Lakhimpur . . .	1
Deputy Commissioner and other Magistrates at Goalpara . . .	4
" " " Subordinate Magistrates of Kamrup .	7
" " " " " Nowgong .	2
" " " " " Darrang .	1
" " " " " Lakhimpur	1
" " " " " Sibsagar .	6
" " " " " Sylhet .	5
" " " " " Cachar .	1
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Of the 28 references under Section 438 of the Code dealt with during the year, 15 were received from Sylhet, 5 from Kamrup, 3 each from Goalpara and Cachar, and 1 each from Darrang and Lakhimpur.

Result of Proceedings in revision as affecting cases.

87. The following statement shows in detail for each district the results (as affecting cases) of the proceedings in revision :—

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Court of Session.	Valley Districts	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Sylhet and Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Magistrates.	Valley Districts	6	2	2	...	...	10
	Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...
Others	Valley Districts	9	7	2	2	2	22
	Sylhet	7	6	...	5	...	18
	Cachar	2	1	1	1	...	5
	Total	25	16	5	8	2	56

The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in 44·6 per cent. of the cases decided in 1891, as compared with 52·7 per cent. in 1890, and reversed in 28·5 per cent. in the past year, as compared with 30·5 per cent. in 1890.

Result of Proceedings in revision as affecting persons.

88. The table below furnishes details of the results of proceedings in revision (as affecting persons convicted) during each of the past two years :—

	1890.	1891.
Applications rejected	44	41
Orders confirmed	31	21
Sentence enhanced	...	1
„ reduced or altered	16	8
„ reversed or quashed	44	25
New trial or further enquiry ordered	5	16
Total	140	112

X.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

Number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of, and pending.
Table N.

89. The following table shows for each of the last two years the number of applications for revision preferred to, decided by, and pending in, the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates :—

		Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
		1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Valley Districts	Sessions Judges	49	72	49	74	5	3
	Magistrates	61	87	64	87	...	...
Sylhet and Cachar.	Sessions Judges	130	149	126	150	10	9
	Magistrates	140	76	141	74	3	5
Total	Sessions Judges	179	221	175	224	15	12
	Magistrates	201	163	205	161	3	5

The increase in the number of applications for revision made to Courts of Session occurred in all the districts except Nowgong and Cachar, which show a decrease of one each. There was a noticeable decrease of 43 and 21, respectively, in the Courts of the Magistrates of Sylhet and Cachar, and a marked increase of 29 in the Magistrate's Court at Kamrup.

90. The following statement shows more fully the results of revision in the Subordinate Appellate Courts as affecting persons :— Result of revision as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

		Applications rejected or orders confirmed.	Orders reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Orders varied.	Referred.
COURTS OF SESSION.	Valley Districts	143	9	20	...	11
	Sylhet and Cachar	327	...	114	...	28
DISTRICT MAGISTRATES	Valley Districts	142	...	108	...	9
	Sylhet	144	34	48	...	...
	Cachar	20	...	1	..	1
	TOTAL	776	43	291	...	49

XI.—FINANCIAL.

91. The receipts and charges of all the Criminal Courts for the past two years were as follows :— Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts. *Table S.*

	Receipts.	Charges.	Excess of charges over receipts.
	R	R	R
1890	1,13,495	2,11,003	97,508
1891	1,29,893	2,05,857	75,964
Increase in receipts and decrease in charges in 1891, as compared with 1890	16,398	5,146	21,544

92. In the Magistrates' Courts in the Assam Valley Districts the excess of expenditure over receipts amounted to R36,083 in 1891, as against R44,043 in 1890, and the excess of expenditure over receipts in Sylhet and Cachar amounted to R18,340, as compared with R30,462 in 1890. The increase in receipts occurred in all the districts except Lakhimpur. There was a decrease in expenditure in Goalpara, Kamrup, Sylhet and Cachar, and an increase in the remaining four districts. Financial Results.

In Sessions Courts the receipts were R826 in the past, as compared with R848 in the preceding year, and the expenditure R22,367, as against R23,491 in 1890.

93. The details of receipts in Magistrates' Courts given in the statement below show an increase under all the heads except "Miscellaneous (including copying and comparing fees)," under which there is a decrease. The receipts in the case of Courts of Session show an increase under the heads "Other Fees" and "Miscellaneous (including copying and comparing fees)" and a decrease under the head "Fines" :— Receipts in detail.

	Stamps.				Cash.			
	Process fees.		Other fees.		Fines.		Miscellaneous (including copying and comparing fees).	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts	15,042	16,834	31,085	33,865	57,571	71,243	8,949	7,125
Sessions Courts	...	...	453	496	282	200	113	130
TOTAL	15,042	16,834	31,538	34,361	57,853	71,443	9,062	7,255

The following statement, which gives details regarding the charges of the Criminal Courts for the past two years, shows that during 1891 there was a decrease under each of the three main heads of expenditure :—

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.		Establishment.				Contingencies and refunds, including fees paid to Copyists not on the fixed establishment.	
			Process-servers.		Others.			
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . .	1,25,831	1,22,834	7,821	7,621	39,021	39,294	14,839	13,741
Courts of Sessions . .	17,996	16,785	...	...	3,935	3,770	1,560	1,812
Total .	1,43,827	1,39,619	7,821	7,621	42,956	43,064	16,399	15,553

94. The system under which copies of documents required by parties are prepared brought in a surplus to the credit of Government of R1,846, as compared with R2,838 realised in 1890. The following figures give the details :—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties . .		5,080
Salaries of copying and comparing clerks . . .	75	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment . .	3,159	
		3,234
Surplus .		1,846

95. The "Expedition Fees" levied from parties in urgent need of copies are not included in this surplus, but are treated in the accounts as "Miscellaneous Receipts."

96. The receipts and charges on account of the service of processes in the Criminal Courts in Assam are shown on the margin. These figures exhibit a surplus of R9,213, as compared with R7,221, the profits realised in 1890.

	R
Receipts	16,834
Charges	7,621
	9,213

97. As explained in the reports for previous years, no charge on account of the High Court is included in the tables given in this report.

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of Offences reported.		Number of Cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other Cases struck off as false.		Cases accepted as true.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	625	749	84	104	25	30	516	615
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	384	426	13	18	2	...	369	408
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	350	401	23	12	...	2	327	387
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	46	59	...	...	2		44	59
Offences affecting Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	175	212	40	58	3	5	132	149
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	9,060	8,853	2,659	2,533	193	266	6,208	6,054
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	10,510	10,620	2,825	2,749	743	785	6,942	7,086
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	1,242	1,318	678	717	4	10	560	591
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	22,393	22,638	6,322	6,191	972	1,098	15,099	15,349
Offences under Special Laws	5,547	6,293	551	547	25	57	4,971	5,689
GRAND TOTAL	27,940	28,931	6,873	6,738	997	1,155	20,070	21,038

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Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial, with the results of Trial, in 1890 and 1891.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of Cases brought to trial during the year.		NUMBER OF PERSONS				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged		Convicted.			
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	363	457	412	575	1,019	1,278	71·2	68·9
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	357	372	167	149	350	423	67·69	73·9
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	294	349	131	153	209	227	61·47	59·7
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	31	54	18	25	15	43	45·45	63·2
Offences affecting Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	113	133	43	83	159	138	78·71	62·4
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	3,256	3,446	2,449	2,722	2,360	2,655	49·08	49·3
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	3,351	3,487	2,269	2,637	2,671	2,655	54·06	50·1
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	319	358	285	305	123	172	30·14	36·05
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	8,085	8,656	5,775	6,649	6,906	7,591	54·46	53·3
Offences under Special Laws	3,751	4,404	1,348	1,553	3,766	4,537	73·64	74·5
GRAND TOTAL	11,836	13,060	7,123	8,202	10,672	12,128	59·97	59·6

B

Showing details of Comparative Table A for each District.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Offences reported		Number of Cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other Cases struck off as false.		Cases accepted as true.		Percentage accepted as true.	
		1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890	1891.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . .	822	1,148	132	109	48	84	702	955	79·6	83 1
	Kamrup . .	2,355	2,699	503	633	140	173	1,712	1,893	72 6	70·1
	Nowgong . .	2,667	2,366	760	560	106	167	1,801	1,639	67 5	69·2
	Darrang . .	2,408	2,633	571	640	85	88	1,752	1,905	72·7	72·3
	Sibsagar . .	4,377	4,795	1,411	1,340	150	181	2,816	3,274	64 3	68·2
	Lakhimpur . .	2,645	2,757	853	806	104	100	1,688	1,851	63·8	67·1
	Sylhet . . .	9,364	9,407	1,687	1,811	300	251	7,377	7,345	78·7	78 08
	Cachar . . .	3,242	3,126	956	839	64	111	2,222	2,176	68·5	69 6
	TOTAL .	27,940	28,931	6,873	6,738	997	1,155	20,070	21,038	71·83	72·72

B 1

Showing details of Comparative Table A 1 for each District.

	DISTRICTS	Number of Cases brought to Trial during the year		Number of Persons: Acquitted or discharged.		Number of Persons: Convicted.		Percentage convicted.	
		1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . . .	421	587	304	482	331	533	52·1	52·5
	Kamrup . . .	829	1,244	448	811	803	1,177	64 18	59·20
	Nowgong . . .	1,206	1,081	825	798	1,107	1,016	57·29	55·76
	Darrang . . .	871	1,049	485	564	811	1,114	62·5	66·38
	Sibsagar . . .	1,988	2,286	967	1,142	1,752	2,009	64·43	63 75
	Lakhimpur . .	1,282	1,439	687	673	1,085	1,306	61·26	65 99
	Sylhet	3,702	4,043	2,511	2,960	3,458	3,747	57·93	55 8
	Cachar	1,537	1,331	896	772	1,325	1,236	59·65	61 5
	TOTAL .	11,836	13,060	7,123	8,202	10,672	12,128	59·97	59·65

C

Showing in detail the Number of Offences of each class returned as true in 1890 and 1891.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total Offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		Grand Total.	
	1890.	1891.	1890	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.																								
Goalpara	...	...	7	32	19	27	22	29	2	...	4	5	217	254	308	362	34	45	613	754	89	201	702	955
Kamrup	...	...	21	18	14	19	35	35	10	8	10	10	624	713	561	547	97	73	1,372	1,423	340	470	1,712	1,893
Nowgong	...	...	10	7	92	106	21	49	1	4	5	16	642	538	590	495	30	27	1,391	1,242	410	397	1 801	1,639
Darrang	...	...	6	14	10	13	21	23	5	10	18	23	464	487	708	752	77	72	1,309	1,394	443	511	1,752	1,905
Sibsagar	...	...	26	21	16	33	48	77	4	9	51	45	673	726	937	1,079	110	134	1,865	2,124	951	1,150	2,816	3,274
Lakhimpur	1	..	3	7	17	9	30	32	4	9	13	13	350	333	528	607	35	28	981	1,038	707	813	1,688	1,851
Sylhet	...	...	397	463	163	189	110	114	14	14	14	29	2,773	2,520	2,528	2,504	157	182	6,156	6,015	1,221	1,330	7,377	7,345
Cachar	...	...	46	53	38	12	40	28	4	5	17	8	465	483	782	740	20	30	1,412	1,359	810	817	2,222	2,176
TOTAL	1	...	516	615	369	408	327	387	44	59	132	149	6,208	6,054	6,942	7,086	560	591	15,099	15,349	4,971	5,689	20,070	21,038

D

Showing in detail for each class the Number of Persons convicted in 1890 and 1891.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII		Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total Offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		Grand Total.	
	1890.	1891.	1890	1891.	1890	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.																								
Goalpara	...	...	...	78	19	18	9	10	...	...	3	3	80	127	132	117	13	5	256	358	75	175	331	533
Kamrup	...	...	55	52	18	43	16	16	7	4	23	12	214	386	228	257	17	41	578	811	225	366	803	1,177
Nowgong		...	63	14	88	101	14	32	...	1	5	20	330	273	287	255	6	6	793	702	314	304	1,107	1,006
Darrang	..	..	38	56	5	20	28	17	2	11	22	25	165	210	280	297	14	24	554	660	257	454	811	1,114
Sibsagar	...	...	88	39	5	35	30	43	4	9	62	28	372	431	440	470	35	48	1,036	1,103	716	906	1,752	2,009
Lakhimpur	...	...	17	23	15	4	25	25	...	4	10	9	161	179	195	233	7	8	4 0	485	655	821	1,085	1,306
Sylhet	...	...	608	839	163	194	67	67	2	10	16	36	851	846	852	738	22	36	2,581	2,766	877	981	3,458	3,747
Cachar	...	...	150	177	37	8	20	17	...	4	18	5	187	203	257	288	9	4	678	706	647	530	1,325	1,236
TOTAL	...	...	1,019	1,278	350	423	209	227	15	43	159	138	2,360	2,655	2,671	2,655	123	172	6,906	7,591	3,766	4,537	10,672	12,128

E

Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1890 and 1891.

	DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Courts of Magistrates.					
		Brought to Trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Brought to Trial.		Disposed of.*		Pending.	
		1890.	1891.	1890.	1891	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . . .	5	4	6	4	...	...	425	589	425	574	8	20
	Kamrup . . .	6	2	5	3	1	...	834	1,251	821	1,251	36	33
	Nowgong . . .	3	6	3	5	...	1	1,206	1,081	1,219	1,073	18	23
	Darrang . . .	3	9	3	8	...	1	872	1,050	867	1,048	13	13
	Sibsagar . . .	22	13	21	14	2	1	1,992	2,301	1,985	2,306	48	39
	Lakhimpur . . .	7	7	8	7	...	...	1,282	1,447	1,285	1,441	13	16
Sylhet		37	46	35	41	6	10	3,705	4,048	3,673	4,011	144	175
Cachar		6	8	4	8	2	2	1,537	1,336	1,527	1,338	38	36
	Total .	89	95	85	90	11	15	11,855	13,103	11,802	13,042	318	355

* Omitting cases in which accused died, escaped, or were transferred.

F

Showing the Number of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure disposed of during 1891.

	DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against Witnesses under Chapter VI C and Section 485.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent Breach of the Peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, Security for Good Behaviour.	Proceedings against Local Nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Frivolous or Vexatious Complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250.	Non-Attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of Bail or Recognizance under Chapter XLII.	Total.
		Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons	Persons.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	21	4	...	2	7	...	2	30	64
	Kamrup	...	18	9	9	...	7	6	15	67	131
	Nowgong	...	33	...	...	...	41	...	14	31	119
	Darrang	...	47	8	...	...	8	...	13	5	81
	Sibsagar	...	9	8	5	...	7	...	36	66	131
	Lakhimpur	...	12	1	4	1	8	4	27	11	67
Sylhet		...	227	92	62	2	42	...	13	27	463
Cachar		...	15	7	9	...	10	...	11	8	60
	Total .	...	382	129	89	5	130	10	131	245	1,11

G

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Session in 1891 (as affecting Persons).

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Persons under Trial during the year.	Acquitted or Discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or Referred.	Died, Escaped, or Transferred.	Remaining under Trial.	Number per cent. of Persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	27	4	23	...	...	...	85·1
	Kamrup	4	1	2	1	...	...	75
	Nowgong	6	3	2	...	...	1	40
	Darrang	18	9	7	...	...	2	43·7
	Sibsagar	25	12	12	...	...	1	50
	Lakhimpur	7	1	6	...	...	...	85·7
Sylhet		118	57	38	...	1	22	40
Cachar		29	17	5	...	...	7	22·7
	TOTAL	234	104	95	1	1	33	48

H

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1891 (as affecting Persons).

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Persons under Trial during the year.	Acquitted or Discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or Referred.	Died, Escaped, or Transferred.	Remaining under Trial.	Number per cent. of Persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1,075	478	510	31	5	51	51·6
	Kamrup	2,061	815	1,174	10	7	55	59·02
	Nowgong	1,865	795	1,004	6	6	54	55·8
	Darrang	1,711	555	1,106	19	3	28	66·5
	Sibsagar	3,252	1,129	1,997	46	11	69	63·88
	Lakhimpur	2,019	675	1,300	16	5	23	65·82
Sylhet		7,024	2,903	3,709	120	10	282	56 09
Cachar		2,077	755	1,231	40	2	49	61·9
	TOTAL	21,084	8,105	12,031	288	49	611	59·7

I

Showing in detail the Number of Persons who were awaiting Trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1891.

	DISTRICTS.	Criminal Lunatics.	Number of Persons				Of the Persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under Trial.				Over six months.
			In Custody.	On Bail.	On Recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1	1	49	...	...	27	21	...	2	...
	Kamrup	7	2	44	1	1	29	16	3	...	...
	Nowgong	4	3	44	3	...	18	4	2	26	...
	Darrang	5	13	10	...	...	23	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	6	9	53	1	...	50	13	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur	1	8	14	...	...	22	...	...	...	...
Sylhet		22	34	210	11	5	244	8	6	2	...
Cachar		3	10	32	4	...	43	3	...	...	...
	Total	49	80	456	20	6	456	65	11	30	...

J

Showing the number of Witnesses examined and the Amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and Magistrates' Courts in 1890 and 1891.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as expenses.			
		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
		1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
						R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	14	23	1,784	2,059	64	169	44	135
	Kamrup	5	24	2,952	4,695	...	...	18	25
	Nowgong	23	30	4,813	4,875	...	...	29	62
	Darrang	9	24	2,783	3,286	...	47	40	18
	Sibsagar	87	37	6,352	7,093	163	50	68	36
	Lakhimpur	70	49	3,088	3,944	...	...	248	205
Sylhet		259	367	17,473	16,608	817	924	333	507
Cachar		11	87	4,911	4,396	6	56	139	54
	Total	478	641	44,156	46,956	1,050	1,246	919	1,042

K

Showing the detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1891.

	Districts.	Number of Witnesses discharged.							
		Courts of Session.				Magistrates' Courts.			
		On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	40	16	...	...	1,960	417	166	60
	Kamrup	26	7	...	...	5,312	913	164	10
	Nowgong	39	...	...	...	4,749	739	279	20
	Darrang	17	13	...	...	3,302	726	58	...
	Sibsagar	47	...	...	...	6,927	902	264	55
	Lakhimpur	56	...	...	...	3,970	658	136	9
Sylhet		349	203	35	45	17,461	6,266	1,034	86
Cachar		65	78	16	...	5,201	777	105	...
	Total	639	317	51	45	48,882	11,398	2,206	240

L

Showing the total Amount of fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1890 and 1891, the Amount realized, and the Amount paid by way of compensation.

	Districts	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
		Total Amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total Amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
		1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,212	8,114	3,869	6,971	515	722
	Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,307	7,626	4,102	6,964	581	811
	Nowgong	...	...	37	...	...	...	6,564	7,857	5,265	6,636	475	332
	Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,831	7,556	3,648	7,033	1,017	2,119
	Sibsagar	...	...	...		...	...	12,162	14,425	11,604	13,207	2,012	2,373
	Lakhimpur	100	...	100	...	...	...	6,715	4,387	5,720	4,381	1,462	1,086
Sylhet		...	1,013	235	179	95	9	23,787	26,108	22,516	25,627	1,671	3,222
Cachar		...	...	...	...	...	...	6,866	7,066	5,947	7,453	1,619	1,431
	Total	100	1,013	372	179	95	9	70,444	83,139	62,671	78,272	9,382	12,096

L 1

Showing particulars of Whippings inflicted in 1891 by the Criminal Tribunals in each District in Assam.

Districts.	I.—In lieu of other punishment (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864). Number of stripes. 5 and under. 1st conviction.	5 and under. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	6 to 10. 1st conviction.	6 to 10. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	11 to 15. 1st conviction.	11 to 15. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	16 to 20. 1st conviction.	16 to 20. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	21 to 25. 1st conviction.	21 to 25. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	26 to 30. 1st conviction.	26 to 30. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	Total.	II.—In addition to other punishment sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864). 5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.	III.—Inflicted under section 5, Act VI, 1864, on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II. 5 and under. 1st conviction.	5 and under. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	6 to 10. 1st conviction.	6 to 10. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	11 to 15. 1st conviction.	11 to 15. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	16 to 20. 1st conviction.	16 to 20. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	21 to 25. 1st conviction.	21 to 25. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	26 to 30. 1st conviction.	26 to 30. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	Total.	Showing the relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded. 1. Total number of whippings awarded.	2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of headings 1 and 2).	4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3).
Assam Valley Districts.																																								
Goalpara	...	...	1	...	1	...	8	...	1	...	2	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	88	101	12·8
Kamrup	1	..	6	...	3	1	3	...	3	..	1	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	20	148	168	11·9
Nowgong	...	...	3	...	1	...	23	...	3	1	...	...	31	...	...	...	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	38	85	123	30·8
Darrang	...	...	9	...	25	1	27	2	3	1	1	...	69	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	71	65	136	52·2
Sibsagar	3	...	13	...	31	...	16	...	5	...	12	...	80	1	3	1	2	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88*	266	354	24·8
Lakhimpur	...	...	4	...	3	...	4	6	...	...	2	4	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	26	140	166	15·6
Sylhet	2	...	18	4	16	...	14	1	10	...	4	1	70	...	...	1	2	1	1	5	1	...	3	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	9	84	389	473	17·7
Cachar	...	...	7	...	10	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	24	213	237	10·1
Total	6	...	61	4	90	2	101	9	25	2	22	5	327	1	3	2	6	2	3	17	1	...	6	1	7	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	20	364	1,394	1,758	20·7

* Note.—A juvenile was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment, but the Court of Appeal altered the sentence to one of whipping of 15 stripes.

M

Showing the number of Appeal (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of the District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1890 and 1891.

DISTRICTS.	1890.						1891.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Goalpara .	25	3	25	3	1	...	26	7	23	7	4	...
Kamrup .	28	45	26	48	2	...	41	72	42	68	...	4
Nowgong .	43	25	45	24	...	1	27	20	26	11	1	10
Darrang .	17	4	16	4	...	...	23	4	22	4	1	...
Sibsagar .	40	15	38	14	2	1	41	25	38	26	5	...
Lakhimpur .	21	2	20	2	1	...	20	6	21	6	...	...
Sylhet . .	275	210	232	206	3	9	248	221	240	227	11	3
Cachar . .	90	42	91	41	...	1	47	32	46	30	1	3
TOTAL .	539	346	543	312	9	12	473	387	458	379	23	20

N

Showing the number of Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1890 and 1891.

DISTRICTS.	1890.						1891.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Goalpara .	3	3	2	3	2	...	6	3	7	3	1	...
Kamrup .	19	15	17	18	2	...	27	44	29	44	...	...
Nowgong .	2	6	2	6	...	...	1	7	1	7	...	...
Darrang .	12	...	12	...	1	...	16	1	17	1	...	...
Sibsagar .	10	32	11	32	...	...	15	28	13	28	2	...
Lakhimpur .	3	5	5	5	...	...	7	4	7	4	...	...
Sylhet . .	109	101	106	102	9	2	129	58	132	58	6	2
Cachar . .	21	39	20	39	1	1	20	18	18	16	3	3
TOTAL .	179	201	175	205	15	3	221	163	224	161	12	5

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Showing the Number of Persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on Appeals or Applications for Revision with the results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Applications for Revision.			
	Number of Persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of Persons appealing to Persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of Appellants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of Applicants for Revision.	Ratio per cent. of Applicants for revision to Persons in respect of whose cases orders were passed.	Number of Applications whose applications were rejected or in whose cases the orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts.								
Goalpara .	98	47·3	30	46 1	4	·37	18	62·06
Kamrup . .	225	61·4	129	59·1	43	2·01	185	63·7
Nowgong .	82	14·3	45	88·2	7	·37	7	87·5
Darrang .	53	21·2	38	79·1	6	·35	19	70·3
Sibsagar .	86	14·2	58	68·2	17	·51	51	70·8
Lakhimpur .	40	8·6	22	53·6	5	·24	5	31·2
Sylhet . . .	764	43·04	490	64·8	170	2·4	440	67·07
Cachar . . .	155	42·3	83	56	51	2·4	51	83·6
Total .	1,503	32·6	895	63·3	303	1·4	776	66·9

* Besides those, there were 870 accused persons against whom applications were made by the complainants.

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Showing the Number of Appeals and Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1890 and 1891.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for Revision.					
	Preferred.		Disposed.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley Districts.												
Goalpara .	3	1	4	1	...	...	12	7	11	7	1	1
Kamrup .	2	1	2	1	...	..	8	12	8	12	...	...
Nowgong .	2	...	1	1	1	...	3	2	3	2	...	...
Darrang .	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	4	2	...
Sibsagar .	9	2	9	3	1	...	8	6	9	6	...	...
Lakhimpur .	3	...	2	1	1	...	1	3	1	2	...	1
Sylhet . .	18	13	18	16	4	1	28	20	29	18	...	2
Cachar . .	2	3	2	3	...	...	11	4	10	5	1	...
Total .	39	20	38	26	7	1	74	56	72	56	4	4

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Showing the result as affecting Persons of Appeals and Applications for Revision in the High Court in 1891.

Districts	Appeals						Application for Revision.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts. Goalpara	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	8	2
Kamrup	...	...	...	1	...	...	6	6	6	6	...	...
Nowgong	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...
Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	1	...	..
Sibsagar	...	2	1	...	...	...	11	...	1	1	...	...
Lakhimpur	..	...	..	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	11	11	2	2	...	...	18	3	10	...	7	...
Cachar	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	1	...
Total	13	16	7	4	...	...	40	20	25	9	16	2

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Criminal Business coming before the High Court from the Province of Assam in 1891 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

Description of Cases.	Remaining in 1890.	Filed in 1891.	Disposed of in 1891.	Remaining at the close of 1891.
Appeals.				
By persons convicted: From the Orders of Presidency Magistrates Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Penal Code	...	...	...	...
By persons convicted: Sessions Judges	...	...	...	...
By the Local Government: From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts	7	20	26	1
	...	...	...	...
Total	7	20	26	1
References.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judges dissented from the Verdict of the Jury and referred under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code	1	1	2	...
Cases in which sentences of death passed by Sessions Judges were referred for confirmation under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code	...	1	1	...
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	...
Total	1	2	3	...
Revision.				
Cases referred for Revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Section 438, Criminal Procedure Code	3	28	28	3
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Criminal Procedure Code:—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates	1	27	27	1
(2) " " " Sessions Judges	...	1	1	...
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Criminal Procedure Code	...	5	5	...
Total	4	61	61	4
Full Bench References	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Orders in Court	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	12	83	90	5

N.B.—Besides the above orders 22 were passed out of Court on review of periodical Criminal Returns and Sessions Statements.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts, 1891.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.							Results *plus* or *minus*.
	In Court-fee Stamps.		In Cash or Special Stamps.			Total.	Share of Officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishments.			Contingencies.		Total.	
	Process fees.	Other fees	Fines.	Copying and Comparing fees.	Other Receipts credited to Government.			Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing Clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to Copyists not on the fixed establishment.	Other Contingencies and Refund.		
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Assam Valley Districts. Goalpara . .	698	1,985	7,301	915	802	11,701	8,947	260	...	4,126	608	1,035	14,976	—3,275
Kamrup . .	1,796	3,884	6,598	439	260	12,977	10,252	540	...	4,210	279	1,482	16,763	—3,786
Nowgong . .	1,097	2,313	7,036	166	151	10,763	8,252	480	...	4,383	103	731	13,949	—3,186
Darrang . .	958	2,408	4,939	70	178	8,553	12,614	403	...	3,456	111	1,082	17,671	—9,118
Sibsagar . .	2,286	4,989	10,932	700	14	18,921	21,018	1,125	...	4,846	472	1,430	28,891	—9,970
Lakhimpur . .	948	1,894	3,510	201	56	6,609	17,610	493	...	3,886	127	1,215	23,331	—16,722
Sylhet . . .	7,272	12,073	23,674	2,258	604	45,881	45,836	3,396	...	11,313	1,276	3,806	65,627	—19,746
Cachar . . .	1,779	4,815	7,453	331	110	14,488	15,090	919	75	6,769	183	1,613	24,649	—10,161
Total. Courts of Magistrates	16,834	33,865	71,243	4,950	2,175	1,29,067	1,22,834	7,621	75	39,219	3,075	10,666	1,83,490	—54,423
Courts of Session .	...	496	200	130	...	826	16,785	...	...	3,770	84	1,728	22,367	—21,541
GRAND TOTAL .	16,834	34,361	71,443	5,080	2,175	1,29,893	1,39,619	7,621	75	42,989	3,159	12,394	2,05,857	—75,964

Annual Statement 1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam on the last day of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1891.

	DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sadr Division)	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS. Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades	Magistrates of all grades: Stipendiary.	Magistrates of all grades: Special and Honorary	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases originally decided. By the High Court.	By the Courts of Sessions.	By District Magistrates	By other Stipendiary Magistrates	By Special and Honorary Magistrates	By Benches of Magistrates	Number of Criminal Cases decided on Appeal. By the High Court.	By the Courts of Sessions	By District Magistrates and other Magistrates empowered	Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts.
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Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	3,953	446,232	1	2	...	1	4	...	...	...	4	151	423	...	...	1	23	7	11,701	14,976
	Kamrup	3,631	644,960		2	...		7	6	...	1	3	186	1,016	49	...	1	42	68	12,977	16,763
	Nowgong	3,257	310,579		1	...		3	5	...	...	5	169	565	339	...	1	26	11	10,763	13,949
	Darrang	3,418	273,333		2	...		6	3	...	1	8	124	885	39	...	...	22	4	8,553	17,671
	Lakhimpur	3,723	179,893		2	...		6	2	...	...	7	179	1,256	6	...	1	21	6	6,609	23,331
	Sibsagar	2,854	370,274		3	...		9	2	...	1	14	85	2,154	67	...	3	38	26	18,921	28,891
	TOTAL	20,836	2,225,271	1	12	...	1	35	18	...	3	41	894	6,299	500	...	7	172	122	69,524	1,15,581
	Sylhet	5,413	1,969,009	1	5	...	1	14	4	...	...	41	16	3,512	483	...	16	240	227	45,881	65,627
	Cachar	1,285	289,425		3	...		7	1	...	...	8	40	1,298	...	...	3	46	30	14,488	24,649
	TOTAL	6,698	2,258,434	1	8	...	1	21	5	...	...	49	56	4,810	483	...	19	286	257	60,369	90,276
	GRAND TOTAL	27,534	4,483,705	2	20	...	2	56	23	...	3	90	950	11,109	983	...	26	458	379	1,29,893	2,05,857

Annual Statement 2—(Criminal).

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons.				
	Offences reported.	Complaint dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other Cases struck off as false	Balance returned as true.	Brought to Trial during the year.	Under Trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, Escaped, or Transferred.	Remaining under Trial at the close of the year.
I.—Offences under the Penal Code.										
Offences against the State										
Chapter VI, Sections 121 to 130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.										
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity.										
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158—Unlawful Assembly	270	69	10	191	117	450	127	282	1	40
" " " 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, etc.	406	32	19	355	308	1,416	421	934	2	59
" " Sections 160—Affray	73	3	1	69	32	90	27	62	1	...
Offences by or relating to Public Servants.										
Chapter IX, Sections 161 to 169—By Public Servants	30	9	...	21	15	20	8	11	...	1
" " " 161, 170, and 171.—Relating to Public Servants	11	...	...	11	8	23	6	16	1	...
Contempts of the Lawful Authority of Public Servants.										
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	385	9	...	376	349	535	135	396	...	4
False Evidence and Offences against Public Officers.										
Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False Evidence, Subornation, etc., of Public Servants	81	5	...	76	73	83	41	34	2	6
" " " 201 to 229—Offences against Public Justice	320	7	2	311	276	327	112	193	1	21
Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps.										
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to Coin	23	...	...	23	19	22	10	11	...	1
" " " 255 to 263—Offences relating to Stamps	..	...	..	...	...	1	1	.	...	...
Offences relating to Weights and Measures.										
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	36	..	...	36	35	47	14	32	...	1
Offences affecting the Public Health, Safety, Convenience, Decency and Morals.										
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting Public Health	40	2	2	36	33	46	15	31	...	...
" " " 279 to 289—Ditto ditto Safety	122	46	2	74	61	83	41	42	...	...
" " " 290 and 291—Ditto ditto Convenience	31	2	1	28	28	60	5	55	...	...
" " " 292 to 294—Ditto ditto Decency and Morals	8	2	...	6	5	10	2	8	...	...
" " Section 294A—Keeping Lottery Office or publishing proposals for Lottery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Offences relating to Religion.										
Chapter XV, Sections 295 to 298	11	6	...	5	6	24	20	2	...	2
Offences affecting the Human Body.										
Chapter XVI, Sections 302 and 303—Murder	29	...	3	26	22	63	23	4	1	35
" " Section 307—Attempt at Murder	4	...	...	4	2	2	2	...	...	...
" " " 304—Culpable Homicide	29	...	2	27	25	90	67	10	...	13
" " " 304 A—Causing death by Rash or Negligent Act	23	...	...	23	18	18	7	10	...	1
" " " 308—Attempt at Culpable Homicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 305 and 306—Abetment of Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 309—Attempted Suicide	31	1	...	30	22	24	4	18	...	2
" " " 311—Thuggee, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 312 to 315—Causing Miscarriage	4	2	...	2	2	5	5	...	...	...
" " Section 316—Injury to unborn Children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 317—Exposure of Infants	7	5	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " " 318—Concealment of Birth by secret disposal of dead body	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " Sections 325 to 331, and 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	107	4	3	100	78	163	42	104	...	17
" " " 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338—Other Cases	1 376	216	15	1,145	663	1,068	527	521	1	19
" " Section 341—Wrongful Restraint	162	65	1	96	62	112	57	48	1	6
" " Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful Confinement	690	278	68	344	204	440	282	133	5	20
" " " 352 to 358—Criminal Force or Assault	6,029	1,822	138	4,069	2,254	3,432	1,624	1,754	1	53
" " " 364, 366, and 367—Kidnapping or forcible Abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	16	1	18	6	13	3	7	...	3
" " " 363, 365, 368, and 369—Other Cases	251	116	21	114	52	79	42	31	...	6
" " " 370 and 371—Slavery	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
" " " 372 and 373—Buying or Selling a minor for the purpose of Prostitution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 374—Forced Labour	8	4	...	4	2	3	2	1	...	...
" " " 376—Rape	31	3	9	19	14	28	24	4	...	...
" " " 377—Unnatural Offence	34	...	5	29	17	18	9	9	...	...
Offences against Property.										
Chapter XVII, Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 379 to 381, and 401—Other Cases	4,375	808	461	3,106	1,423	2,169	839	1,206	8	116
" " " 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 384 and 385—Other Cases	164	66	21	77	61	101	75	19	3	4
" " Section 294— } Robbery { With hurt	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 392— } Robbery { Other Cases	33	2	15	16	9	22	15	4	...	3
" " " 393— } Robbery { Attempts	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 396— } Dacoity { With Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 397— } Dacoity { With attempt to cause Death or Grievous Hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 398— } Dacoity { Attempted Robbery or Dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 395, 399, 400, and 402— } Dacoity { Other Cases	8	...	2	6	4	19	16	...	...	3
" " " 403 and 404—Criminal Misappropriation of Property	388	233	7	148	107	138	75	62	...	1
" " " 406 to 409—Criminal Breach of Trust	409	169	30	210	128	162	89	58	1	14
" " " 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in Stolen or Plundered Property	304	2	4	298	289	478	179	273	4	22
" " " 417 to 420—Cheating	351	225	2	124	100	141	90	45	...	6
" " " 421 to 424—Fraudulent Deeds or disposition of Property	3	2	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
" " " 429 to 433 and 435 to 440— } Mischief { With aggravating circumstances	383	46	33	304	122	179	75	85	...	19
" " " 426 to 428, and 434— } Mischief { Other Cases	1,370	620	27	723	425	719	429	264	3	23

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1891—contd.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of cases.							Number of Persons.		
	Offences reported.	Complaint dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other Cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to Trial during the year.	Under Trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, Escaped, or Transferred.	Remaining under Trial at the close of the year.
				I.—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against Property—contd.										
Chapter XVII, Sections 459 and 460— " " " 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457, and 458— " " " 447, 448, 453, 456, 461, and 462— Criminal Trespass: Resulting in Death or Grievous Hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal Trespass: For Commission of Serious Offences	1,274	16	126	1,132	210	319	124	176	4	15
Criminal Trespass: Other Cases	1,556	560	57	939	608	1,112	629	463	2	18
Offences relating to Documents and to Trade or Property Mark.										
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471, and 474—Forgery or Uttering or Possessing forged Documents or Papers	30	13	...	17	11	17	8	5	..	4
" " " 472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a Counterfeit seal, etc., for purposes of forgery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 477—Fraudulently destroying or defacing a Will or other document	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 482, 486, 487, and 488—Using a false Trade or Property Mark and knowingly selling property so marked .	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
" " " 483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate or instrument for Counterfeiting Trade or Property Mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 489—Removing, destroying, etc., a Trade or Property Mark with intent to cause injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal Breach of Contracts and Service.										
Chapter XIX, Sections 490 to 492	12	4	...	8	6	16	.	16	...	...
Offences relating to Marriage.										
Chapter XX, Sections 493 to 498	701	435	6	260	148	177	136	27	1	13
Defamation.										
Chapter XXI, Sections 500 to 502	177	98	2	77	57	92	76	15	...	1
Criminal Intimidation, Insult or Annoyance.										
Chapter XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt . .	38	7	...	31	19	43	15	28	...	...
" " Sections 504 to 510—Other Cases	360	160	2	198	117	154	70	81	...	3
Total of Offences under the Penal Code	22,638	6,191	1,098	15,349	8,656	14,858	6,649	7,591	43	575

				II.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.						
Code of Criminal Procedure.										
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for Keeping the Peace	303	147	...	156	86	278	152	124	...	2
" " " 109, 110—Security for Good Behaviour	159	11	...	148	134	146	89	40	...	17
Other Laws:—relating to										
Arms and Ammunition Act, XI of 1878	297	...	2	295	282	305	33	270	1	1
Cattle Trespass Act, I of 1877	1,257	289	43	925	573	1,065	532	527	...	6
Census Act, XVII of 1890	31	6	...	25	6	6	2	4	...	...
Code of Civil Procedure	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Contract (Workmen) Act, XIII of 1859	421	21	...	400	182	245	96	140	3	6
Cruelty to Animals Act, I of 1869	20	1	...	19	13	16	1	15	...	...
Elephant Preservation	3	...	...	3	3	5	3	2	...	...
Emigration (Inland) Act, I of 1882	1,137	34	2	1,101	693	1,099	140	954	2	3
Excise Act, VII of 1878	252	...	3	249	239	290	51	228	...	11
Explosives Act, IV of 1884	11	...	...	11	11	11	6	5	...	...
Ferries Act, XVII of 1878	128	14	...	114	70	88	31	53	...	4
Fisheries Act, II (B.C.) of 1889	152	15	2	135	59	164	70	83	...	11
Forests Act, VII of 1878	128	...	...	128	127	320	73	245	..	2
Frontier District Regulation No. V of 1873	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3		...
Gambling Act, II of 1867	13	...	...	13	13	35	8	27	...	...
Income Tax Act, II of 1886	2	...	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	...
Jail Acts, II of 1864, V of 1865, and XXVI of 1870	4	...	...	4	4	4	...	4	...	...
Municipalities Act, V of 1876	938	5	...	933	916	965	104	861	...	...
Opium Act, I of 1878	134	1	5	128	128	153	52	99	1	1
Police (District) Act, V of 1861	720	2	...	718	697	757	79	676	...	2
Police Frontier Regulation No. II of 1882	3	...	...	3	3	6	...	6	...	...
Police (Rural) Act, I of 1883	66	...	..	66	59	68	9	58	...	1
Post Offices Act, XIV of 1866	1	...	...	1	.	...	...	...	...	...
Prisons Acts, II of 1882 and XXVI of 1870	4	...	...	4	4	4	1	3	...	...
Railway Act, IV of 1879	5	...	...	5	5	6	2	3	...	1
Registration of Births and Deaths Act, II of 1873	39	...	...	39	36	39	7	32	...	...
Registration of Documents Act, I of 1877	2	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	...
Stamps Act, I of 1879	57	...	...	57	55	84	12	72	...	...
Telegraphs Act, I of 1876	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	1
Treasure Trove	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Act	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Total of Offences under Special Laws	6,293	547	57	5,689	4,404	6,166	1,553	4,537	7	69
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	28,931	6,738	1,155	21,038	13,060	21,024	8,202	12,128	50	644

Annual Statement 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Province of Assam during 1891.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.	TOTAL NUMBER DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.		DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR			REMARKS.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	PERSONS.		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Proceedings against Witnesses under Chapter VI C and Section 485	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent Breach of the Peace	130	384	129	152	230	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for Good Behaviour	136	146	119	89	40	
4 Proceedings against Local Nuisances—Chapter X	40	89	40	13	76	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	5	...	5	...	...	
6. Frivolous or Vexatious Complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	130	130	130	...	130	
7. Non-Attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332	9	11	8	8	2	
8. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	132	132	131	83	48	
9. Forfeiture of Bail or Recognizance under Chapter XLII	168	253	164	86	159	
TOTAL	750	1,145	726	431	685	

Annual Statement 4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.									NUMBER OF CASES						
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	Brought to trial during the year.						Total.	Died, Escaped, or Transferred.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Convicted				Committed or Referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons under Trial at the end of the year.	Brought to Trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Number of cases entered in column 20 tried summarily.	Aggregate number of days during which the cases entered in column 20 lasted.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
		Under arrest by Police.	Upon Warrant.	On Summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on Commitment or Reference.	Received by Transfer.				On Regular Trial.		On Summary Trial.											
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.										
I.—MAGISTRATES.																								
Village Officers	..	..	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Special Magistrate under Section 14	.			4	..		...	4	...	...	4	.	...	...	..	4	..	4	4	.	...	8	2·	23
Subordinate Magistrates — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	13	216	149	1,312	7	.	...	1,697	1	724	938		...	.	1	1,663	33	987	979	18	...	11,702	11 9	3,766
Subordinate Magistrates — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	...				...	...	...		..				...	...	...		..			...	...	...	.	..
Subordinate Magistrates — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	57	1,473	349	1,905	76	...	...	3,950	8	1,7[illegible]8	2,076	2	..		41	3,837	105	2,513	2,511	53	...	31,484	12·5	9,138
Subordinate Magistrates — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	355	6,470	1,593	4,791	634	...	...	13,843	31	5,174	1,281	2,102	58	4,318	183	13,416	396	8,640	8,598	218	4,101	92,762	10 7	31,128
Subordinate Magistrates — Benches of Magistrates		...	..	...	.		..		.		..				.		...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349.	2	..	7	...	...	67	...	76	.	12	26	18	...	...	18	74	2	42	43	1	...	452	10 5	130
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under ordinary powers	75	857	150	264	85	...	7	1,438	9	448	193	125	2	561	29	1,356	73	864	854	33	523	6,623	7 9	2,447
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under special powers under Section 34	2	64	3	7	..	.		76	.	31	22	5	...		16	74	2	53	53	2	...	807	15·2	326
Total	504	9,080	2,251	8,369	806	67	7	21,084	49	8,105	4,540	2,552	60	4,879	288	20,424	611	13,103	13,042	355	4,624	144,038	11·04	46,956
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																								
Assistant Judges	..	...	...	...	...	.	...		..	...	..		...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	13	...	...	...	.	203*	...	216	1	103	42	39	...	..	1	185	30	78	75	13	...	3,628	48·3	641
Judges — Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	18	..	18	...	1	14	...	...	.	...	15	3	17	15	2	...	253	16·8	...
Judges — Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	..	...	...	.	..	..	..	...	..	...	..			...	...	...	.	...	..	...	...	...
Total	13	..	...	...	...	221	..	234	1	104	56	39	.	...	1	200	33	95	90	15	...	3,631	43·1	641
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																								
High Court — Cases under Section 526, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...		...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court — Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
High Court — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	1	...	...	...	...	1†	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	..	...	2	...	1	2	...	...	85	42 5	...
High Court — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	...	.		...	...	1	...	1	.	...		1	...	.	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	41	41	...
Total	1	...	...	...	...	2	.	3	.	1	...	2	...	...	.	3	...	2	3	...	...	126	42	...
GRAND TOTAL	518	9,080	2,251	8,369	806	290	7	21,321	50	8,210	4,596	2,593	60	4,879	289	20,627	644	13,195	13,130	370	4,624	148,045	11·2	47,597

* By the Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar under Section 451A (clause B) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

† These include one person who escaped in 1889 after commitment to the Sessions Court at Cachar. He was re-arrested and tried by the Sessions Judge during the past year.

Note.—Five persons in one case and three persons in another were twice tried. The accused in the first case were acquitted at both trials; and those in the second case were acquitted at the first, but convicted at the second, trial.

Annual Statement 5– (Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1891.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	PERSONS SENTENCED TO											PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE			PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR		DETAILS OF PUNISHMENTS.																										
		Transportation.			Imprisonment.				Fine.		Whipping.							Fine.									Imprisonments.										Whipped.			
					Rigorous.																						15 days and under.		6 months and under.		2 years and under.		7 years and under.		Above 7 years.					Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
	Death.	For Life.	For a Term.	Penal Servitude	With solitary confinement.	Without solitary confinement.	Simple.	Forfeiture of Property.	With Imprisonment.	Without Imprisonment.	In addition to other Punishment.	In lieu of other Punishment.	Sureties of the Peace.	Recognizance to keep the Peace.	Sureties for Good Behaviour.	One year and under.	Three years and under.	R10 and under.	R50 and under.	R100 and under.	R500 and under.	R1,000 and under.	Above R1,000.	Total amount of Fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of Fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of Compensation.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	0 stripes and under.	
I.—MAGISTRATES.																																										
Village Officers under Section 14	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	.	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Special Magistrates	..	...	...	.	...	4	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	.	..	.	...	.			..		...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	..	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class		.	..	..	3	113	5		56	815	1	2	.	..	...	...	...	777	93	.	1	..		5,338	4,855	256	32	3	84	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	..		.			...				..	...		...	...	...		..																							
Subordinate Magistrates — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class		...	...		11	459	8		123	1,585	..	15	...	...	..	.	...	1,345	352	8	3			14,353	13,725	1,436	174	5	296	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	.	...	...		107	2,283	98	.	367	5,003	15	292	81	117	38	23	...	4,226	1,035	92	16	1	.	54,280	52,272	9,773	690	53	1,373	33	348	12	2	.		..	74	187	56	...
Subordinate Magistrates — Benches of Magistrates		..	...	.	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	.		...	...	...	...	...	..	..		.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	.	...	...	.	4	26	...		...	6	1	8	...	..	...	...	...	2	4	...	..	.		95	95	..	1	..	19	.	5		2	...		...	2	6	1	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under ordinary powers	..	...	.		2	370	6	.	19	441	...	14	2	30	1	.	.	390	43	29	8		.	7,538	6,592	601	122	3	225	3	25	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	1	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under special powers under Section 34	...	...	...	...	1	21	..	.	5	.	...	5	...	...	...	.	...	2	1	...	1	1	.	1,535	733	...	..	...	4	...	7		11	...	...	..	.	4	1	..
Total	..	..	.	..	128	3,276	117	.	570	7,850	17	346	83	(a)147	39	23	...	6,732	1,528	129	29	2	.	83,139	78,272	12,096	1,020	64	2,004	41	388	12	15			...	83	220	60	.
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																																										
Assistant Judges	..	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..		.	...	...	.	..	.	..	...	.	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	..	2	8	..	2	65	3	.	2	...	...		...	..	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	..	1,013	179	9	...	...	8	3	36	1	19	...	4	...	...	...	.	...
Judges — Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	..	...	5	..	1	8	...		...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...		...	3	...	6	...	..	...	...	...	..	...
Judges — Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...		...	...	...	.	...	.	...	..		..	.	..		...	...	...		...	...	...	.		...	...	...	...	...	.	...
Total	.	2	13	...	3	73	3	..	2	...	.	...	..	...	1	..	1	...	1			1	..	1,013	179	9	...		8	3	39	1	25	...	4	.	...	...	.	...
II.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																																										
High Court — Cases coming before the Court under Section 526, C. P. C.	...	...	..		...	...	.			...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	..	.	...	.	.	..	..	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
High Court — Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...		...	...	..		...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...		...	...	..		...	...	.	...	..	.		...	.	...	...	.		..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...
High Court — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	..	1	...		...	.	.	..	.	...	..	.	...	.	.		..	..	...	...	..	..	..	.	...	.	...		...	.	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	2	...	..	...	..	.	..	...	...	...	.		.		.	...	...	...	.		..	..		...	.	..		...	...	...	.	...	...		...	...	...	..	...
GRAND TOTAL	.	4	13		131	3,349	120		572	7,850	17	346	83	(a)147	40	23	1	6,732	1,529	129	29	3		84,152	78,451	12,105	1,020	64	2,012	44	427	13	40	..	4	...	83	220	60	...

N.B.—Besides the Persons shown in this Statement, 150 were required o fulfil Contracts under Act XIII of 1859 and Act I of 1882, and one person was declared a Vagrant.

(*a*) Of hese, 106 Persons were required to give Recognizance under Section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, in addition to the other punishments to which they were sentenced.

Annual Statement 5A—(Criminal).

Showing the particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1891.

PART I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other Punishment.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.	Number of stripes awarded.												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	
IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT.													
(Sections 2 and 30, Act VI, 1864.)													
1. Theft, as defined in . . . Section 378, I. P. C.	2	...	30	1	36	...	32	...	8	...	7	1	117
„ 380 „	...	...	20	2	27	2	27	3	8	...	2	...	91
„ 381 „	3	...	6	...	14	...	8	4	3	1	2	...	41
„ 382 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
2. Extortion, as defined in . . „ 388 „	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 389 „	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving Stolen Property as defined in „ 411 „	1	...	5	1	9	...	14	2	5	...	8	4	49
„ 412 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking House-Trespass, as defined in „ 443 „	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	2	...	9
5. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444 „	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	4
6. House-breaking, as defined in . „ 445 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
7. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 446 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	1	1	...	...	15
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880 . . .	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	6	...	61	4	90	2	101	9	25	2	22	5	327

PART II.

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other punishments, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.		Number of stripes.						Total.
		5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT.								
(Sections 3 and 4.)								
A.—Section 3.—								
1. Theft, as defined in	Section 378, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
	" 380 "	...	2	2	4	1	2	11
	" 381 "	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
	" 382 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in	" 388 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 389 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving Stolen Property, as defined in	" 411 "	1	...	...	1	...	...	2
	" 412 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking House-Trespass, as defined in	" 443 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. House-breaking, as defined in	" 445 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
B.—Section 4.—								
1. False Evidence, as defined in	Section 193, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 194 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 195 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. False Charge of Unnatural Offence, as defined in	" 211 " and	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 377 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Assault, as defined in	" 354 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Rape, as defined in	" 375 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Unnatural Offence, as defined in	" 377 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in	" 390 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Dacoity, as defined in	" 391 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Attempt at Robbery, as defined in	" 393 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Hurt in committing Robbery, as defined in	" 394 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Receiving Stolen Property, as defined in	" 413 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in	" 463 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 466 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 467 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 468 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 469 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Lurking House-Trespass, as defined in	" 443 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444 "	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
14. House-breaking, as defined in	" 445 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	1	3	2	6	2	3	17

PART III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles for Offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

OFFENCE.	Stripes.												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	
Section 126 of Act IX of 1890	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 224, Indian Penal Code	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ 225 „ „ „	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 324 „ „ „	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 325 „ „ „	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 326 „ „ „	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 352 „ „ „	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ 377 „ „ „	...	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	..	6
„ 429 „ „ „	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 447 „ „ „	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1
Total	1	..	6	1	7	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	20

PART IV.

Showing relative number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

PUNISHMENTS.	Number.	Remarks.
1. Total number of whippings awarded	364	
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been inflicted	1,394	
3. Total of punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of 1 and 2)	1,758	
4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3)	20·7	

Sibsagore.—One juvenile was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 2 months, but the Appellate Court modified the sentence to one of a whipping of 15 stripes. He is shown as having been whipped in this statement, but is shown as rigorously imprisoned in statement .

Annual Statement 6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam during the year 1891.

Class of Tribunal		Number of Persons												Number of Cases.		
		Total number of Appellants and Applicants for Revision, including pending from previous year	Died, Escaped, Transferred.	Appeals or Applications rejected	Sentence or Order confirmed	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or Order otherwise altered	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed	New Trial or further enquiry ordered	Referred to the High Court for Revision	Total whose cases were disposed of, including entries in columns 4 to 11	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS																
To	From															
District Magistrate	Subordinate Magistrates	704	1	24	378	.	124	123		..	..	649	54	387	379	20
Courts of Session	Magistrates	833	1	94	399	...	134	136	...	...	...	763	69	473	458	23
	Assistant Judges	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...
Superior Courts — by persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...		...	...	...	...
	Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..		.	...	...	...	..	...
	Sessions Judges	41	.	13	16	...	4	7	.	.	...	40	1	20	26	1
Superior Courts — by Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417.	All Courts	..	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	..	..	.	...	...	...
	Total	1,578	2	131	793	.	262	266	...	..	...	1,452	124	880	863	44
REVISION																
By	Of order of															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	90	...	78	228	...	...	34	...	157	10	507	7	163	161	5
Courts of Session	Magistrates	225	...	470	..	...	...	9	..	134	39	652	19	221	224	12
High Court (cases referred for orders under Sections 432, 438).	Magistrates	57	.	...	17	1	1	17	...	14	...	50	7	28	28	3
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 435).	Magistrates	62	...	38	4	...	7	8	...	2	...	59	3	27	27	1
	Courts of Session	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	...
	Total	*437	...	589	249	1	8	68	...	307	49	1,271	36	440	441	21
	GRAND TOTAL	2,015	2	720	1,042	1	270	334	...	307	49	2,723	160	1,320	1,304	65

* Besides these, there were 870 accused persons against whom applications for revision were made. These persons, though not shown in this column, are shown in the other columns exhibiting the results of such applications.

Annual Statement 7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessor in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the Verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of Persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Sec 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Sec. 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. C. — Jurors	Five Jurors	18	...	17	1	...	1	...	..	...	...	
Courts of Session — Jurors	Five Jurors and two Assessors, qualifications as described in Chapter XXIII, Code of Criminal Procedure.	26	...	17	2	7	...	26	...	...	...	All offences including abetments and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII, and XVIII of the Indian Penal Code, are tried by Jury in the Assam Valley Districts; other cases in these districts, and all cases in Sylhet and Cachar, are tried with the aid of Assessors.
Courts of Session — Assessors		...	47	...	...	...	...	...	37	6	4	
Total	...	44	47	34	3	7	1	26	37	6	4	

Annual Statement 8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ACCUSED AND BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF																	NUMBER OF CASES					
		WITHIN THE YEAR.							BY DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND OTHER FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATES.							BY COURTS OF SESSION.					BY HIGH COURT.			TOTAL FOR ALL COURTS.								
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	On Complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police Report, Section 191 (b) of the Code	By Magistrate *suo motu*, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another District or Province.	TOTAL.	Died, escaped, or Transferred to other Districts or Provinces.	Number actually brought to Trial.	Received by Transfer under Section 461 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or Discharged.	Committed: To Court of Session.	Committed: To High Court.	Transferred by Order under Section 461 B of the Code	Total omitting entries in Columns 10 and 16.	Received by Transfer under Section 461 B of the Court.	Convicted.	Acquitted or Discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code	Total exclusive of Column 17.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted.	Acquitted or Discharged.	Total.	Number of Persons under Trial at the close of the year	Brought to Trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of Persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 456 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of Persons who applied to the High Court under Section 520 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Hurt	..	7	...	..	.	7		7	...	3	4			..	7	...	..	...	...		...	.	.	3	4	7	.	7	7	..	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Wrongful Restraint and Wrongful Confinement		1	2	...	2	5		5		1	2	..		1	3	..	...	...	...	...		..	...	1	2	3	1	5	3	1	...	...	1
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Criminal Force and Assault	...	14	1	...	...	15	..	15	.	10	5	.	..	.	15	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	5	15	..	15	15	...	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Rape	...	1	...	...	.	1	.	1	...	..	1	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	1		1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Criminal Breach of Trust		1	...	...	...	1		1	...	...	1	...	...	.	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	..	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	..
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Cheating	...	2		..	..	2	...	2	..	..	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	...	1	1		2	1	..	...	...	1
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Mischief	..	2	..		...	2	...	2	..	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	.		...	1	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...
Offences under Special and Local Laws		3	2		.	5	...	5	...	5		...	.	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	.	..		5	...	5	..	5	5			...	...
TOTAL	.	31	5	...	2	38	...	38	...	19	14	.	1	2	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	19	15	34	2	33	34	2	...	...	2

SUBSIDIARY TABLE.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SHOWN IN							OF CASES SHOWN IN COLUMN 30.			
COLUMN 16.			COLUMN 21.		COLUMNS 21 AND 24.		DISPOSED OF BY MAGISTRATES.		DISPOSED OF BY SESSIONS JUDGES.	
Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 461 A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in Column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 461 of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of Assessors, Section 461 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 461 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European British Subjects.	Other than European British Subjects.	Being European British Subjects.	Other than European British Subjects.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1	33	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	...

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